Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 21 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 20 Aug 2021 at 11:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in general wet and cloudy weather on Saturday but less confidence in amount of rainfall and timings. High confidence in more settled conditions for early next week.

Headline for Saturday 21 Aug 2021: Outbreaks of rain and a cloudy day with lots of hill fog and poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 Aug 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Dull	Drizzle	Drizzle	Dull	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	60%	60%	80%	80%

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Weather: Rain overnight will tend to ease and become more drizzly and light through the morning, especially for more northern ranges. Even the possibility of a few brighter spells for the Speyside hills like Ben Rinnes and maybe even the Northern Cairngorms. Further showers and outbreaks of rain will develop during the afternoon and these may become quite heavy with a rumble of thunder possible, showers may become quite slow moving and prolonged.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% or less, most ranges will see a lot of low cloud and hill fog associated with the rain Saturday except perhaps the Speyside hills.

Visibility: Visibility will generally be poor in extensive low cloud, bases for most ranges will be from 400m up, for the northern Cairngorms the cloud may be more scattered or broken from 600m and the best chance of clear tops will be early afternoon. From mid afternoon low cloud will become quite extensive. General visibility below the cloud base will be moderate or poor at times in rain and drizzle. The best views are likely to be from the Speyside hills looking north.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	26/34 SE	24/32 S	17/23 S	13/18 S	11/17 S	10/16 SE	9/13 SE	8/12 SE	6/9 E
900	25/32 S	24/32 S	16/21 S	12/17 S	8/13 SE	6/11 SE	6/9 SE	4/6 SE	3/5 E
600	10/15 S	12/19 S	8/13 S	6/10 S	6/11 E	4/8 SE	4/7 SE	3/4 SE	3/4 E
300	3/8 NE	4/11 SE	4/10 S	3/7 SW	3/7 W	4/10 E	3/7 NE	3/6 NE	2/5 E
Glen	2/11 S	3/11 S	3/9 S	3/10 S	3/9 S	3/9 E	3/6 NE	2/6 NE	1/5 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/4	8/4	8/5	9/6	9/7	10/7	9/7	8/6	8/6
900	13/9	13/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	12/11	11/11	11/10
600	14/12	14/12	14/12	14/13	14/14	15/14	14/14	13/13	13/12
300	14/13	14/14	14/14	16/16	16/17	17/18	16/16	14/15	14/14
Glen	14/14	14/14	14/14	17/17	18/18	19/19	17/18	15/15	13/14
Freezing Level*	3300m	3200m	3100m	3000m	3000m	3000m	2900m	2900m	2900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Quite windy initially but winds easing in the morning and falling quite light allowing any late afternoon showers to be quite slow moving with localised downpours.

Forecast for Sunday 22 Aug 2021
Weather: Some overnight mist and drizzle will be slow to clear during the morning but some brighter spells breaking through in the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Variable direction 5 mph or less.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%, extensive low cloud in the morning will slowly lift and clear, 60% by mid afternoon.

Visibility: Extensive low cloud in the morning from 300m will make navigation difficult, the visibility and cloud will lift and improve during the day with some cloud breaks for most summits by late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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